

## House Resolution No. 3703

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Mickey Carroll, of St. Louis, Missouri, an actor, who will be forever remembered as one of the Munchkins in the legendary and timeless film “The Wizard of Oz” starring Judy Garland, released in 1939, and who will make a special appearance at a free screening of the film on Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Lafayette Park; and

**Whereas**, this screening of “The Wizard of Oz” will be dedicated to Mickey Carroll in recognition of his many efforts on the area’s behalf, and he will bring his Hollywood Walk of Fame Star and a replica of Dorothy’s famous ruby slippers; and

**Whereas**, in addition to being an entertainer, Mickey Carroll is a philanthropist and volunteer fund-raiser in the St. Louis area and in the United States; and

**Whereas**, born July 8, 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri, Mickey Carroll grew to be 4' 7" tall, and at age seven, he began dance lessons at St. Louis’s Fox Theatre, where he met entertainer Jack Haley, who played the ‘the tin man’ in “The Wizard of Oz”, and Haley took him to Hollywood, where one of his first jobs was as ‘Mickey’ in the “Spanky and Our Gang” series; and

**Whereas**, at 17 years of age he was a bellhop in the “Call for Phillip Morris” live radio ads, and at 18 he was appearing in shows with Mae West; and

**Whereas**, while under contract to MGM, he went to school with Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney, and it was Judy Garland who offered him a part in “The Wizard of Oz”, he stayed with her during its filming; and

**Whereas**, after “The Wizard of Oz”, Mickey continued with movie voice-overs and vaudeville entertainment, and he was the warm-up for Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman as they campaigned across the country, along with radio shows with Jack Benny, Al Jolson, George Burns and Gracie Allen; and

**Whereas**, Mickey uses his movie celebrity to help raise money for several different charities including Special Olympics, Cancer for Kids, Backstoppers, programs for breast-cancer awareness and autistic children’s funds, among many others:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Mickey Carroll for his countless contributions to the St. Louis area; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mickey Carroll.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Robin Wright Jones  
District No. 63

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3703, adopted July 24, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker